

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what they see as being in their own interest and less of what we need for the public interest. We need more substantive news about issues that matter and a variety of voices including people from our own communities.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate the need to strengthen media ownership rules instead of weakening them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve much more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.